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- ☒ 6. 37 CFR 1.97(b): [within 3 months of filing or prior to 1st Office Action]
- ☐ 7. 37 CFR 1.97(c): [before Final Office Action and Allowance, whichever is earlier]; and
- ☐ a) The required Statement made in item 9 below; or
- ☐ b) The \$180.00 fee specified in 37 CFR §1.17(p) for submission of this Information Disclosure Statement is authorized in item 10 below.
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- ☒ 10. Please charge all applicable fees associated with the submission of this Information Disclosure Statement and any other fees applicable to this application to Deposit Account No. 14-1140. An original and one (1) copy of this document are enclosed.

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